

Peaches



Commercial peach production was valued at 1.05 million dollars in 2002, compared to 1.13 million dollars in 2001. Peach producers had excellent yields due to the ideal weather conditions. Yield per acre averaged 5,000 pounds, up 480 pounds from the 2001 peach crop. Though the yield was extremely good, the number of acres of bearing age trees continued to decline. In fact, acreage was down to 300 acres, a 3 percent drop from 2001, and less than half of the acreage the state had in 1996.

Peaches - Production, Price and Value of Production: Louisiana, 1999-2002

Year	Acres of Bearing Age	Yield per Acre	Total Production	Utilized Production	Season Average Price	Value of Utilized Production
		Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Cents per Pound	1,000 Dollars
1999	350	2,290	0.8	0.7	88.0	616
2000	320	3,750	1.2	1.1	77.1	848
2001	310	4,520	1.4	1.3	87.1	1,132
2002	300	5,000	1.5	1.4	75.1	1,051

Pecans

Louisiana's total pecan production was valued at 3.78 million dollars in 2002. Of this total, native and seedling varieties represented 53 percent, while improved varieties represented 47 percent. Dry weather conditions from the previous year and the cyclical nature of this crop resulted in the lower production in 2002. Production of all pecans, at 6 million pounds, was down 57 percent from 2001. Of the total, native and seedling varieties represented 67 percent, while improved varieties represented 33 percent.

